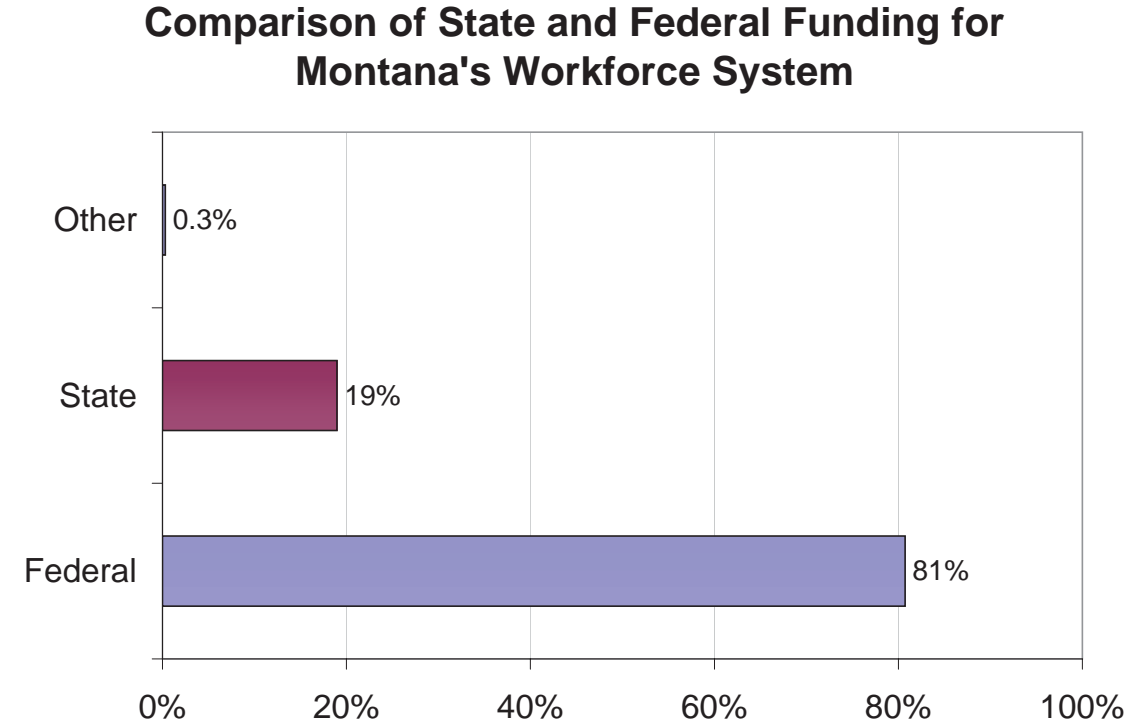
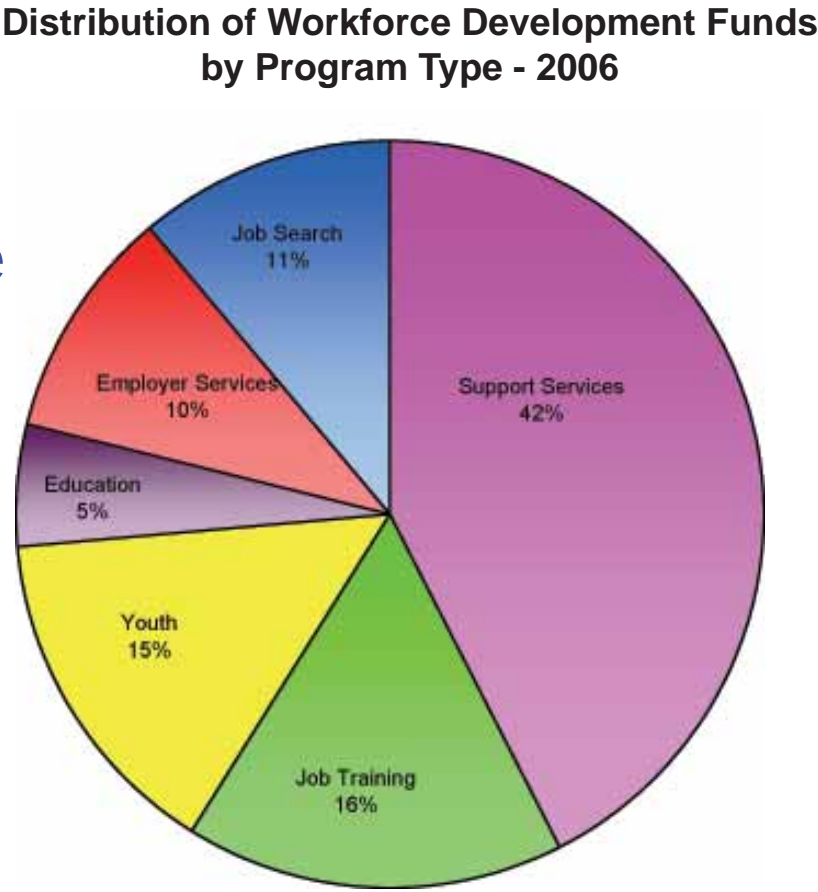


How is the workforce system funded?



Where do the dollars go?



A message from Governor Brian Schweitzer

I am honored to present to you the Snapshot 2006: Montana's Workforce Development System.

In my travels to all 56 counties in Montana I have observed and re-confirmed what we all know. Montana is the best place to start a business, raise a family and build a community. To ensure our children and grandchildren can do just that we must continue to build on our successes and to strive for improvement at every opportunity.

Our citizens must have the tools and skill they need to be successful in new and emerging jobs over the next decade and beyond. In today's changing environment, it is not likely that a single institution, organization, or business can effectively address the range of workforce issues in a community. In order to grow our resources, we have to work together. By collaborating we can foster an environment that builds strong community ties, addressing some of Montana's toughest social problems directly affecting people most in need.

On January 1, 2006, Montana transitioned to a single statewide planning area for WIA activities. As a result, Montana reallocated more than \$1.2 million back into the workforce system – putting more dollars into the hands of Montana's program recipients.

Montanans work hard and should have access to good, high-paying jobs. The Department of Labor & Industry is working closely with the Department of Commerce, the Governor's Office of Economic Development, and other partners to predict what jobs will be in demand over the next ten years in high growth, high wage industries. Through strong teamwork with education and training service providers, we will take the steps necessary to get our citizens the training and skills they will need to be employed in high-skill, high-paying jobs.

With your help we will improve the quality of life for all Montanans by preparing today's workforce for the jobs of tomorrow. Montana truly is the best place to start a business, raise a family and build a community. Together let's make it even better.



Governor Brian Schweitzer



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What is the State Workforce Investment Board?

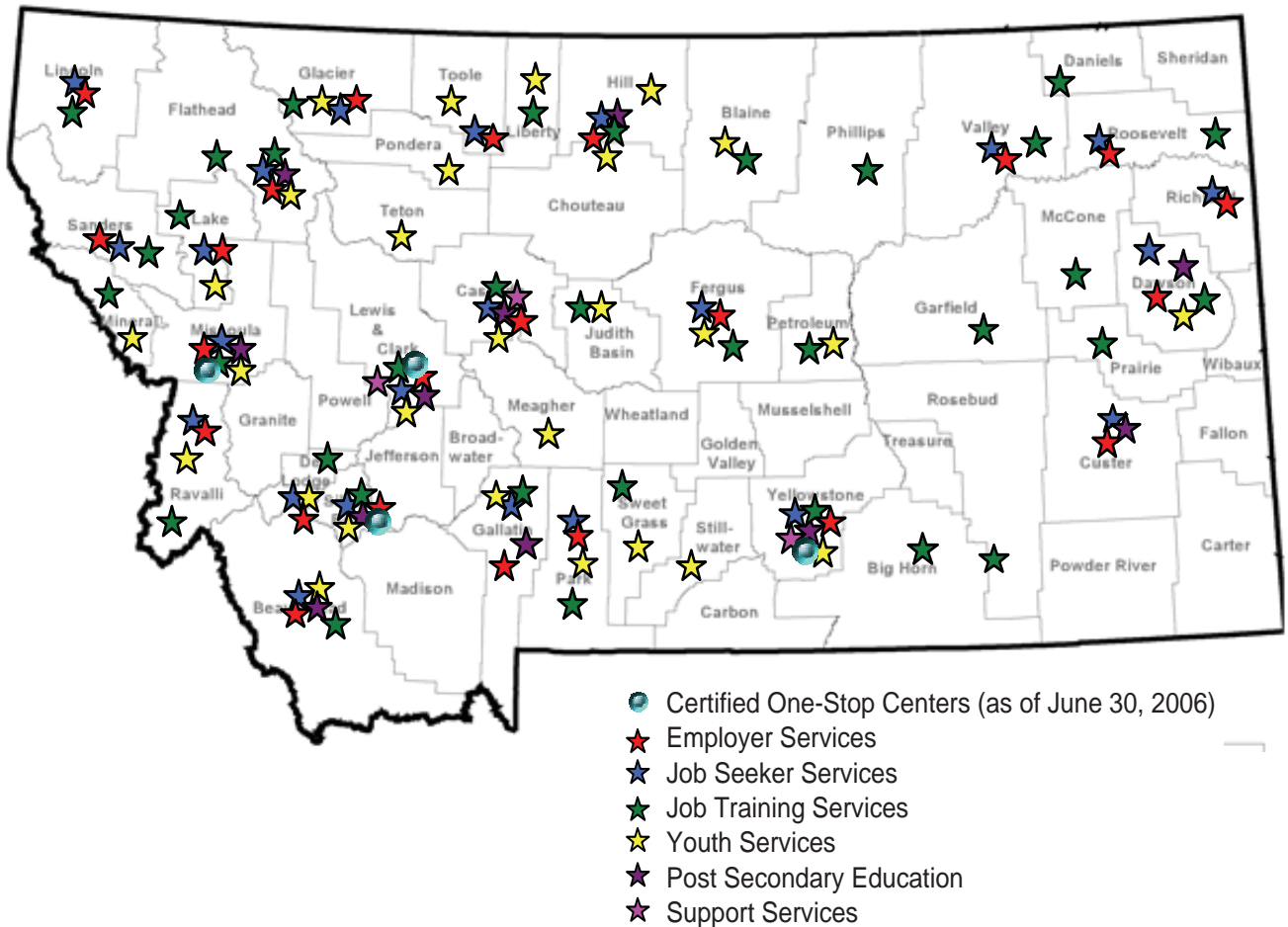
The purpose of the Montana State Workforce Investment Board is to advise the Governor on the creation, implementation and continuous improvement of a comprehensive statewide workforce development system. The System includes both federal and state funded programs such as Job Service, Education, Apprenticeship and Training, Social Services programs, Veterans' services, and business service programs such as Small Business Development Centers. Montana has 33 programs designed to help Montana job seekers obtain jobs, and Montana employers improve their businesses and hire workers.

In Montana, the State Workforce Investment Board is also responsible for performing the functions of local boards under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998. Duties of the SWIB in this capacity include, Certification of One-Stops, selection of WIA service providers, allocation of local funding, and overall program oversight.

The SWIB has 2 full-time employees dedicated to the day-to-day operation of the SWIB and it's many functions.

The staff of the WIA Unit within the Department of Labor & Industry is the administrative entity for all WIA program funding, operation, and monitoring.

Where do Montanans access workforce development services?



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